

# WHITCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL MRS ANN-MARIE DAVIES

Minutes of the meeting of Whitchurch Parish Council held on Tuesday 17 February 2015 in the Methodist Church at 7.30pm

**Present:** Chairman Ashley Bond  
Councillor Maggi Sanders  
Councillor Margaret Palin  
Councillor Paul Alderman  
Councillor David Meakin  
Councillor Charlotte Lincoln  
Clerk – Ann-Marie Davies

County Councillor Netta Glover  
Plus over 100 residents

1. **To note apologies for absence:** to accept apologies for absence – Apologies received from Councillor Paull Foot.
2. **Open Forum for Parishioners:** (under adjournment).
3. **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda:** to declare any interests – None received.
4. **To confirm the minutes** of the meeting of 13 January 2015 – the minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.
5. **To update on matters arising** from the minutes of the last meeting and agree any further actions required – None. Councillor Glover gave a verbal report to residents.
6. **Planning: To discuss planning applications and make recommendation, and to include those planning applications received after this agenda is published, if urgent:**

#### **15/00320/AOP - Land To South of Oving Road Whitchurch Buckinghamshire**

Outline application with access to be considered and all other matters reserved for the erection of up to 80 dwellings and creation of a new access off Oving Road including open space, landscaping and ancillary works.

Residents in attendance spoke during the Open Forum about this planning item. Unanimous opposition to this application was voiced. Councillors David Meakin, Ashley Bond and Charlotte Lincoln offered to attend an Action Group meeting which was to be held on Thursday 19 February. The Parish Council agreed to work together with the Action Group to come up with a list of meaningful proposals that would form the basis of a case to oppose this application.

Councillors took a vote and chose to **OPPOSE** this application. Grounds for opposition would follow and be finalised at a future meeting which was arranged for Monday 2 March 2015 at 7.30pm, and which would be held in the St John the Evangelist Whitchurch C of E Church.

7. **Finance:**
  - a) To draw cheques

The Council resolved to issue the following cheques:-

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Ann-Marie Davies	chq 278	£416.23
DP Alderman (Hall Hire)	chq 279	£30.00

b) To agree accounts for December 2014 – the accounts were agreed as a correct record.

### 8. Highways, Footpaths & Footways, Street Lighting:

Councillor Lincoln reported that the new footpath installed in the High Street was of particularly poor quality. County Councillor Netta Glover asked her to take photographs and send through to her so she could follow up with the works crew. **ACTION: CL**

The Clerk reported that she had contacted TFB for further clarification on the LED light replacement scheme.

The Clerk also advised those present that she had visited the village with the Local Area Technician to discuss several highways issues – namely hole at Keinches Lane, water down Wittle Hole, pothole in the High Street, and a broken fence to a right of way footpath. Some of these matters had already been resolved. The Clerk reported that the glazing to the telephone box had now been repaired.

The Chairman reported that a telephone company had erected an extra pole in Market Hill which was superfluous to any particular need. The Clerk was asked to try and contact the utility company responsible and have it removed. **ACTION: AMD**

The Clerk was asked to report a light out in Greenacres Close which was behind The Rectory.

**ACTION: AMD**

A broken bench was also highlighted by Councillor Lincoln. Councillor Glover offered to help replace or repair the bench via her Community Leaders Fund. The Clerk was asked to access a quote for repair. Councillor Meakin would provide details of a local blacksmith.

**ACTION: DM/AMD**

The amount of litter had increased up the Sandpath. The Clerk was asked to contact the school to ask for their help in clearing. **ACTION: AMD**

**9. Recreation Ground:** The Chairman reported that dog bins had still not been emptied. The Clerk was asked to contact AVDC to report the missed service. **ACTION: AMD**

### 10. To consider correspondence and other communications received since last meeting:

a) To note the opportunity of s.106 monies available to the Parish Council and to consider how to use it.

The Clerk advised the group that she had contacted Joe Houston at AVDC and had a useful discussion with him about how these s.106 monies could be spent. There was no immediate hurry but Councillors were asked to think about leisure provision in the village and any opportunities to allocate these funds.

### 11. Police – not in attendance.

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**12. Councillors update on meetings attended – None.**

**13. To agree the date of** the next meeting – date of next meeting agreed as Monday 2 March at 7.30pm to be held in the St John the Evangelist Church.

The Clerk was asked to notify Karen Smethurst so this could be advertised more widely.

**ACTION: AMD**

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

**Signed:**

**Date**